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SUBJECT: REACTION TO GOC PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA

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1. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS JULY 26 WELCOMES GOC PROPOSAL FOR RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA, CHARACTERIZING IT AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. RIGHTWING PAPERS AGON AND SIMERINI, WHILE APPROVING OF PROPOSAL, COMMENT THAT IT SHOULD HAVE COME SOONER IN ORDER TO COUNTER FAVORABLE PROPAGANDA RECEIVED BY TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE FOR ITS EARLIER INITIATIVE. SEVERAL PAPERS CRITICIZE STATE DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON GOC PROPOSAL, POINTING OUT RELATIVE COOLNESS OF REMARKS AS COMPARED TO WARM RECEPTION GIVEN BY U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO DENKTASH PROPOSAL. PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEFTHERI KYPROS CALLED THE AMERICAN STATEMENT UNACCEPTABLE AND SAID U.S. INTENT WAS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED ON AN UNSATISFACTORY BASIS.

2. EXCEPTION TO FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF GOC PROPOSAL WAS IN
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SOCIALIST TA NEA, WHICH ARGUED THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE RESULTS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON FAMAGUSTA AND CALLED FOR PROCEDURES OTHER THAN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FOR RESOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. TWO PAPERS, AGON AND PHILELEFTHEROS, WHICH ARE GENERALLY WELL INFORMED, QUOTE "AUTHORITATIVE POLITICAL

CIRCLES" TO EFFECT THAT IT IS CERTAIN THAT UNSYG
WALDHEIM WILL INITIATE NEW CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTIES
WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A COMMONLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA
FOR RESETTLEMENT OF FAMAGUSTA AND FOR RESUMING
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS NOT COMMENTED SPECIFICALLY
ON GOC FAMAGUSTA PROPOSAL. "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH
IS REPORTED AS SAYING PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN
OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED TO HIM ALTHOUGH DENKTASH'S
OFFICE SAYS HE HAS GIVEN NO STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.
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